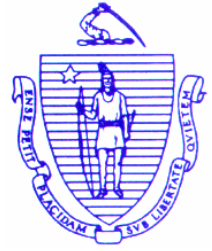




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**Marine Fisheries Advisory**

**CLARIFICATION REGARDING COMMERCIAL FISHING FOR SCUP USING  
HOOK-AND-LINE OR FISH POTS DURING THE CLOSED SEAS BASS  
SEASON: JUNE 13-THROUGH JULY 31, 2006**

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The Division of Marine Fisheries (*Marine Fisheries*) issued a notice on June 7<sup>th</sup> that the commercial black sea bass fishery would close effective 0001 hours on Tuesday, June 13, 2006 through July 31, 2006.

Regulations allow scup retention (200 lbs.) for fishermen using sea bass pots or hook-and-line during the open sea bass fishing days and season. However, retention is not allowed when the sea bass fishery is closed through July 31<sup>st</sup>. On August 1<sup>st</sup> the directed scup fishery will open for hook and line and pot fishermen at a 400-lb. possession limit. The summer/fall black sea bass season will also re-open on August 1<sup>st</sup> at a 500 lb. trip limit for pots, 200 lbs. for hook-and-liners, and 100 lbs. for coastal lobster fishermen using lobster pots. No-fishing days in both fisheries will be Friday and Saturday.

For further information including quota totals and regulations please visit the *Marine Fisheries* web site at: [www.mass.gov/marinefisheries](http://www.mass.gov/marinefisheries).